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SUBJECT: SOVIET HELICOPTERS FOR TURKEY

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS BRIEFING BY  
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN GIVEN P.M. OCTOBER 28:

QUOTE: Q: I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
INFORMATION REGARDING NEWS REPORTS THAT TURKEY IS BUYING  
HELICOPTERS FROM THE SOVIET UNION?

A: I SAW THIS REPORT THIS MORNING. OBVIOUSLY IF THE  
REPORT IS TRUE, WE NATURALLY PREFER THAT THEY DIDN'T  
BUY MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM THE SOVIET UNION. BUT I  
THINK THAT YOU ALL CAN UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT  
-- AGAIN IF IT IS TRUE -- MIGHT VERY WELL BE THE RESULT  
OF A FAMILIAR SERIES OF EVENTS WITH REGARD TO OUR MILITARY  
ARMS RELATIONSHIP TO TURKEY. THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY  
ON THE SUBJECT.

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Q: ARE YOU SAYING THAT THIS PURCHASE, IF TRUE, IS AN

UNDERSTANDABLE ONE?

A: WHAT?

Q: ARE YOU SAYING THAT THIS PURCHASE, IF TRUE, IS AN UNDERSTANDABLE ONE, AN UNDERSTANDABLE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE TURKS?

A: I WOULD RATHER NOT -- UNTIL I FIND OUT A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT IT, I WOULD RATHER LEAVE IT WHERE I SAID.

Q: HAVE WE INQUIRED OF THE TURKS WHETHER IT IS IN FACT TRUE?

A: NO, WE HAVE NOT.

Q: DO YOU INTEND TO INQUIRE?

A: I AM UNAWARE OF ANY INTENTION TO MAKE SUCH AN INQUIRY. I WOULDN'T RULE IT OUT, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCH INQUIRY THUS FAR. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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